

*Position Available*

# Park Interpreter

## Massachusetts State Parks and Recreation Nickerson State Park

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### **LOCATION:**

Travel the road to the upper campgrounds in Nickerson State Park and you may think for a moment that you have been magically transported to the Berkshire Hills or the piney woods of the Carolinas. Nowhere in sight are the sand dunes and salt marshes usually associated with Cape Cod. Instead, you are surrounded by woods that slope down to the banks of eight crystal clear fresh water ponds. Yet, if you walk or bicycle through the woods, you will find no rivers or streams feeding the ponds. These are "kettle ponds," among more than 300 formed as glaciers retreated from the Cape over 10,000 years ago. Completely dependent on groundwater and precipitation, the water level in the ponds fluctuates from season to season and year to year. Nickerson's 1900 acres offers more than 420 campsites, including yurt camping, an amphitheater, eight miles of roads, hiking trails, an eight mile bike path that connects to the 25 mile Cape Cod Rail Trail, and ponds stocked year-round with trout. Cape Cod Bay is within walking or bicycling distance. You can swim and canoe at Flax Pond; birdwatch or catch-and-release fish at Higgins Pond, or participate in the many seasonal interpretive and recreational programs offered by park staff.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Park Interpreter performs various interpretive, educational and administrative tasks in the operation of Visitor Services and Interpretation. Tasks include staffing an information desk/kiosk, providing visitor information and orientation, researching, developing and presenting a variety of interpretive and recreational programs that reflect the natural, cultural and historical themes of the park. Coordination of special events and programs independently or in partnership with other public or private organizations is required.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be at least eighteen years old, possess a basic knowledge of natural and cultural history, have experience working with the public, hold solid communications skills, have the ability to follow oral and written instructions, and the ability to work in a team setting. Valid Drivers license and reliable transportation required.

### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:**

Position begins in early June and ends the first week of September. Park Interpreters work a forty-hour week (which includes weekends, holidays, and some nights). The salary is \$459.79/week; employees are paid bi-weekly. Uniforms and training are provided. Park housing is not.

### **TO APPLY:**

Please send a Cover Letter, Resume and DCR Seasonal Application Form (available at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/employment.htm>) to:

Amy Nelson, Regional Interpretive Coordinator  
MA Department of Conservation & Recreation  
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